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THROUGHOUT JANUARY WE WILL COLLECT
CANS OF SOUP FOR GRACE FOOD PANTRY.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

MEMBERS OF PEACE ARE CHALLENGED TO BRING TWO CANS OF SOUP EACH WEEK UNTIL
FEBRUARY SUPER BOWL SUNDAY ON FEBRUARY 12TH.

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Sunday, February 5, 2023

Peace Lutheran Church, ELCA

WELCOME TO PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Whether you are joining us in-person or on-line we are blessed to have you worshipping with us today. We pray that our time of worship together further encourages and strengthens our call to discipleship.

MISSION STATEMENT

As servants of Jesus Christ, we share God's grace and mercy. We welcome and encourage all to grow with us in God's kingdom through praise, worship, and service.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who makes all things new,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, source of our renewal,
**we confess that we are wrapped up in sin,
and cannot free ourselves.
We have not practiced your righteousness.
Our hearts have turned away from you.
For the sake of the world you so love,
forgive us,
that we may be reconciled to one another
for the glory of your holy name.**
Amen.

Thus says our God:

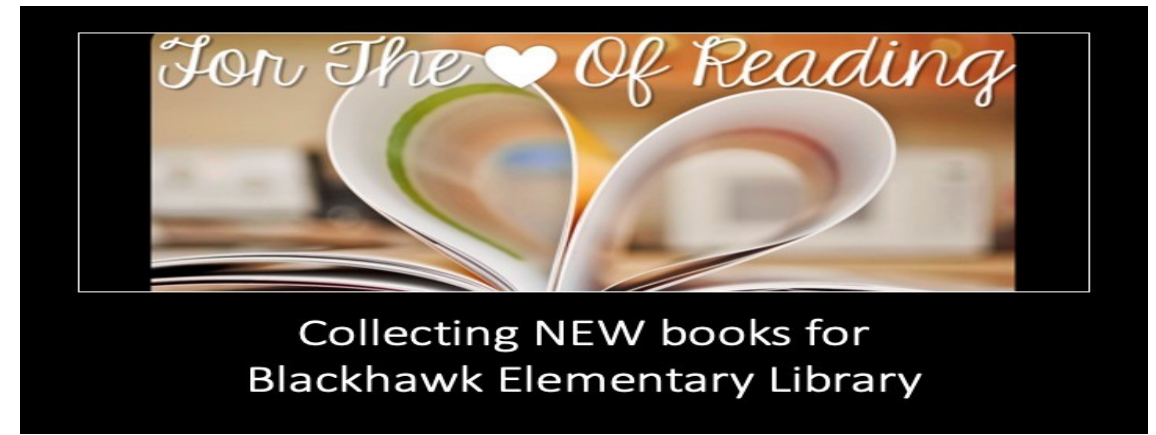
"The former things have come to pass
and new things I now declare."

God's mercy makes us new.

We are forgiven in the name of ☩ Christ our Savior.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



NON-FICTION

COOKBOOKS

WORLD RECORDS

FICTION (PICTURE BOOKS)

PETE THE CAT OR PETE THE KITTIE BY JAMES AND/OR KIMBERLY DEAN

IF YOU TAKE A MOUSE TO SCHOOL, IF YOU GIVE A MOOSE A MUFFIN, IF YOU GIVE A PIG A PARTY, IF YOU TAKE A MOUSE TO THE MOVIES BY LAURA NUMEROFF

ANY FLY GUY BY TEDD ARNOLD

NO, DAVID BY DAVID SHANNON

ANY NEW BOOKS

FICTION (NOVELS- ANY BY THESE AUTHORS)

ANDREW CLEMENTS

WENDY MASS

PATRICIA REILLY GIFF

CLAUDIA MILLS

CHRIS GRABENSTEIN

JUDITH VIORST

DAN GUTMAN

ANY LAST KIDS ON EARTH BY MAX BRALLIER

LENORE LOOK

13TH ST MYSTERIES BY DAVID BOWLES (WE HAVE: BATTLE OF THE BAD BREATH BATS, CLASH OF THE CACKLING COUGARS, FIRE BREATHING FERRET FIASCO, SHOCKING SHARK SHOWDOWN)

ANNOUNCEMENTS



ADULT FICTION:

- "Under the Whispering Door" by T.J. Klune.
- "The Man Who Sold Air in the Holy Land" by Omer Friedlander.
- "Other Birds" by Sarah Addison Allen.
- "Olive, Again" by Elizabeth Strout.
- "The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek" by Kim Michele Richardson.
- "The Book Woman's Daughter" by Kim Michele Richardson.

ADULT NON-FICTION:

- "Reclaiming the "E" Word: Waking Up to Our Evangelical Identity" by Kelly A. Fryer.
- "Unlocking a Broken World: A Story of Discovery" by Scott and Connie Payne.

ADULT BIOGRAPHY:

- "I Am a Girl from Africa" by Elizabeth Nyamayaro.

GRAPHIC NOVEL:

- "Jesus: Messenger of Peace!" by James Buckley Jr.

JUNIOR BIOGRAPHY:

- "I am Martin Luther King Jr." by Brad Meltzer.

PICTURE BOOKS:

- "Binny's Diwali" by Thrity Umrigar.
- "Mother God" by Teresa Kim Pecinovsky.

DVD:

- Peter & Paul and the Christian Revolution.

GATHERING HYMN

GOD, WHOSE ALMIGHTY WORD

ELW #673



1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard
 2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,
 3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,
 4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,



and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the
 heal - ing and sight; health to the trou - bled mind, sight where il -
 speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the
 Wis - dom, Love, Might: bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in



gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light.
 lu - sions blind; oh, now to hu - man-kind let there be light.
 lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place let there be light.
 full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

Text: John Marriott, 1780–1825, alt.

Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716–1796

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

THIS IS THE FEAST

ELW P. 187

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God, for the
 Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.

1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be
 peo-ple of God. Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and strength, and

Refrain

hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his. This is the feast of
 vic-t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al-
 le-lu-ia. 2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and
 join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing, hon-or,
 glo-ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God, for the
 Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.

THURSDAY, FEB. 9
SUNDAY, FEB. 12

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE MEETING—5:00PM IN PERSON
IN PERSON WORSHIP/LIVESTREAM—9:30AM
DRIVE THRU COMMUNION—11:00AM

ASSISTING THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 5:

PRESIDING & PREACHING: REV. MARY E. ZUPANSIC

CAMERA: JANET KOCIS

ASSISTING MINISTER: DOUG MCFARLAN

POWERPOINT: LINDA RICE

MUSICIAN: BRENDA PECK

FELLOWSHIP:

USHERS: HENRY HARMS, ANDREA BERRYMAN

FLOWERS: BY KEN AND DONNA HERSEMANN IN CELEBRATION OF THEIR 70TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY ON FEBRUARY 8.



Happy 70th
Wedding
Anniversary

ANNUAL MEETING TODAY!

FOLLOWING TODAY'S SERVICE AT APPROX. 10:50 AM WE WILL BE CONDUCTING OUR ANNUAL MEETING FOR 2022. ZOOM OPTION IS AVAILABLE.

ALTAR FLOWERS

WE ARE TAKING ORDERS FOR 2023 ALTAR FLOWERS. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF OR IN HONOR OF A PERSON OR EVENT IN THE COMING YEAR PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE. YOU CAN ALSO SIGN UP FOR FLOWERS ON OUR WEBSITE IN THE MEMBERS' SECTION. FLOWERS ARE \$35.00

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ABOUT THIS WEEK'S TEXT

LIGHT SHINES IN THE DARKNESS FOR THE UPRIGHT, THE PSALMIST SINGS. ISAIAH DECLARES THAT WHEN WE LOOSE THE BONDS OF INJUSTICE AND SHARE OUR BREAD WITH THE HUNGRY, THE LIGHT BREAKS FORTH LIKE THE DAWN. IN ANOTHER PASSAGE FROM THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT, JESUS, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD, CALLS HIS FOLLOWERS TO LET THE LIGHT OF THEIR GOOD WORKS SHINE BEFORE OTHERS. THROUGH BAPTISM WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD TO SHINE WITH THE LIGHT OF CHRIST.

THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR OUR PRAYERS:

PETE ELLERTSEN, DEBI ELLERTSEN, LARRY WEYHRICH, JUDY BARHOOVER, TOM CHRISTELL, MICK BUCHLER, JAN TURNER

If you would like to be added to the prayer list, or know someone who would like to be added to our list, please fill out a Prayer Request Card, send an email to peace.lutheran@comcast.net OR call the Office at (217)546-7646. Please note—for privacy reasons, we must have an individual's permission to add their name.

ZOOM MEETINGS/EVENTS THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, FEB. 5

IN PERSON WORSHIP/LIVESTREAM—9:30AM
ANNUAL MEETING—10:50AM

MONDAY, FEB. 6

ADULT FAITH FORMATION—6:00PM

TUESDAY, FEB. 7

PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING—6:00PM

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 8

COMM. SERV. COMMITTEE MEETING—5:00PM VIA ZOOM

FAITH FORMATION—5:30PM VIA ZOOM

CHOIR REHEARSAL—7:00PM

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:1-9a

Shortly after the return of Israel from exile in Babylon, the people were troubled by the ineffectiveness of their fasts. God reminds them that outward observance is no substitute for genuine fasting that results in acts of justice, such as feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, and clothing the naked.

¹Shout out, do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,

to the house of Jacob their sins.

²Yet day after day they seek me

and delight to know my ways,

as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness

and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;

they ask of me righteous judgments,

they delight to draw near to God.

³“Why do we fast, but you do not see?

Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day,

and oppress all your workers.

⁴Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight

and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today

will not make your voice heard on high.

⁵Is such the fast that I choose,

a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,

and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast,
 a day acceptable to the LORD?
⁶Is not this the fast that I choose:
 to loose the bonds of injustice,
 to undo the thongs of the yoke,
 to let the oppressed go free,
 and to break every yoke?

⁷Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
 and bring the homeless poor into your house;
 when you see the naked, to cover them,
 and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

⁸Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
 and your healing shall spring up quickly;
 your vindicator shall go before you,
 the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

^{9a}Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
 you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 112:1-9 READ RESPONSIVELY

¹Hallelujah! Happy are they who ¹fear the LORD
 and have great delight in ¹God's commandments!

²**Their descendants will be mighty ¹in the land;
 the generation of the upright ¹will be blessed.**

³Wealth and riches will be ¹in their house,
 and their righteousness will ¹last forever.

⁴**Light shines in the darkness ¹for the upright;
 the righteous are merciful and full ¹of compassion.**

⁵It is good for them to be gener- ¹ous in lending
 and to manage their af- ¹fairs with justice.

⁶**For they will nev- ¹er be shaken;
 the righteous will be kept in everlast- ¹ing remembrance.**

⁷They will not be afraid of any ¹evil rumors;

BLESSING

The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod

✚ bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always.

Amen.

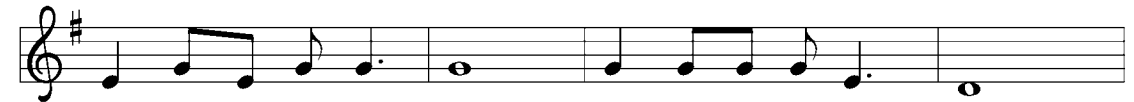
SENDING HYMN

THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE

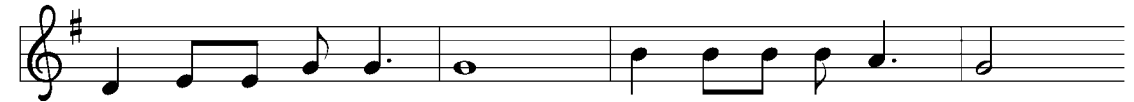
ELW #677



1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



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let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Text: African American spiritual
 Music: THIS JOY, African American spiritual

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come the table is ready. All are welcome.
Thanks be to God.

LAMB OF GOD

ELW P. 191

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

COMMUNION SONG/HYMNS

CONTEMPORARY SONG

COME, LET US EAT

ELW # 491

EAT THIS BREAD (REPEATS)

ELW #472

TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. Holy One,

We thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table.

Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you.

Amen.

their heart is steadfast, trusting ¹ in the LORD.

⁸**Their heart is established and ¹ will not shrink,
until they see their desire up- ¹ on their enemies.**

⁹They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands ¹ fast forever;
they will hold up their ¹ head with honor.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

Though people such as the Corinthians are enamored with human philosophy and wisdom, Paul continuously presents God’s hidden wisdom which is Jesus Christ crucified. True spiritual maturity involves judging ourselves and others in light of God’s revelation in the cross.

¹When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. ³And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

⁶Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. ⁷But we speak God’s wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the human heart conceived,
what God has prepared for those who love him”—

¹⁰these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God’s except the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW P. 188

Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al-le - lu - ia.
 Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.
 Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13-20

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 5th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus encourages his followers to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, doing good works and keeping God's commandments.

[Jesus said:] ¹³“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished.

¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you,

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread;
 and forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory,
 forever and ever. Amen.**

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

ELW P. 190

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
 est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
 who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
 who preached good news to the poor,
 and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Rev. Mary E. Zupansic

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

HYMN OF THE DAY LORD, WHOSE LOVE IN HUMBLE SERVICE

ELW #712

1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
 2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;
 3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal-ing light
 4 Called by wor-ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,
 who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer-cy's per - fect deed:
 still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
 in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up - on our quick-ened sight,
 to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;
 we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;
 As you, Lord, in deep com-pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
 mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,
 hope and health, good-will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,
 con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.
 by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.
 stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.
 that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901-1984
 Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844
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APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

* Prayers are offered for the church, the world, and all in need.

Merciful God. *Receive our prayer.*

THE SHARING OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

+ THE MEAL +

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OFFERING HYMN

LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL

ELW P.184



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980
Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927
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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Liberating God,
You break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.